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## ENGROSSED SENATE BILL No. 539

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DIGEST OF SB 539 (Updated March 29, 2005 3:24 pm - DI 77)

**Citations Affected:** IC 4-23.

**Synopsis:** Accessible electronic information service. Requires the talking books and braille division of the state library to work with a qualified entity to provide information in an electronic format to blind and disabled persons.

**Effective:** July 1, 2005.

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**Mishler, Rogers, Merritt, Craycraft,  
Heinold, Lubbers, Young R Michael**  
(HOUSE SPONSORS — BECKER, AYRES, BROWN C)

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January 20, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on Homeland Security, Utilities, and Public Policy.

February 17, 2005, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

February 21, 2005, read second time, ordered engrossed.

February 22, 2005, engrossed.

February 28, 2005, read third time, passed. Yeas 48, nays 0.

HOUSE ACTION

March 14, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Health.

March 31, 2005, amended, reported — Do Pass.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2004 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

## ENGROSSED SENATE BILL No. 539

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state offices and administration.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 4-23-7.1-40.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: **Sec. 40.5. (a) For purposes of this**  
4 **section, "accessible electronic information service" means a service**  
5 **that provides to an eligible individual news and other timely**  
6 **information, including newspapers, from a multistate service**  
7 **center, using high speed computers and telecommunications**  
8 **technology for Internet acquisition of content and rapid**  
9 **distribution in a form appropriate for use by an eligible individual.**  
10 **(b) For purposes of this section, "director" refers to the director**  
11 **of the Indiana talking books and braille division of the Indiana**  
12 **state library.**  
13 **(c) For purposes of this section, "eligible individual" means an**  
14 **individual who is blind or disabled and qualifies for services under**  
15 **36 CFR 701.10(b).**  
16 **(d) For purposes of this section, "qualified entity" means an**  
17 **agency, instrumentality, or political subdivision of the state or a**

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- 1 nonprofit organization that:
- 2 (1) using computer technology, produces audio or braille
- 3 editions of daily news reports, including newspapers, for the
- 4 purpose of providing eligible individuals with access to news;
- 5 (2) obtains electronic news text through direct transfer
- 6 arrangements made with participating news organizations;
- 7 and
- 8 (3) provides a means of program administration and reader
- 9 registration on the Internet.
- 10 (e) The director may enter into an agreement with a qualified
- 11 entity to provide an accessible electronic information service for
- 12 eligible individuals. This service shall be planned for continuation
- 13 from year to year and make maximum use of federal and other
- 14 funds available by:
- 15 (1) obtaining grants or in kind support from appropriate
- 16 programs; and
- 17 (2) securing access to low cost interstate rates for
- 18 telecommunications by reimbursement or otherwise.

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## SENATE MOTION

Madam President: I move that Senator Rogers be added as second author and Senators Merritt, Craycraft and Heinold be added as coauthors of Senate Bill 539.

YOUNG R MICHAEL

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 COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Homeland Security, Utilities, and Public Policy, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 539, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 2, line 6, delete "Internet".

Page 2, line 9, delete "organizations" and inset **"organizations; and"**.

Page 2, delete lines 10 through 11.

Page 2, delete lines 23 through 42.

Page 3, line 11, delete "one" and insert **"five"**.

Page 3, line 11, delete "three hundred thirty-four".

Page 3, line 12, delete "(\$1,334)" and insert **"(\$5,000)"**.

Page 3, line 12, after "library" insert ".".

Page 3, line 12, delete "for the" and insert **"The state library shall deposit money received under this subsection in the state general fund."**

Page 3, delete lines 13 through 14.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 539 as introduced.)

WYSS, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0.

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 SENATE MOTION

Madam President: I move that Senator Lubbers be added as coauthor of Engrossed Senate Bill 539.

YOUNG R MICHAEL

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SENATE MOTION

Madam President: I move that Senator Young R Michael be removed as author of Engrossed Senate Bill 539 and that Senator Mishler be substituted therefor.

YOUNG R MICHAEL

SENATE MOTION

Madam President: I move that Senator Young R Michael be added as coauthor of Engrossed Senate Bill 539.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Public Health, to which was referred Senate Bill 539, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Delete the title and insert the following:

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state offices and administration.

Page 1, line 3, delete "40.5" and insert "**40.5**."

Page 1, delete lines 16 through 17.

Page 2, line 1, delete "(e)" and insert "**(d)**".

Page 2, line 12, delete "(f)" and insert "**(e)**".

Page 2, line 12, delete "shall" and insert "**may**".

Page 2, delete lines 21 through 33.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 539 as printed February 18, 2005.)

BECKER, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 9, nays 0.

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